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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 23RD, 1877.

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PRICE \$25 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

May 21. MONTGOMERYSHIRE, British steamer, 1,148 tons. Started Saigon 17th May. Rice—H. Kian & Co., 1st. May.
May 21. VICTORY, British brig, 214, J. J. Whiting, Bangkok 24th April. Rice—
Ed. SCHILLER & Co.
May 22. GADSBY, British steamer, 1,926, James Rattray, Saigon 13th May, Rice.
JAS. MATTHEWS & Co.
May 22. TANARIS, French ship, 1,735, Reynier, Yokohama 15th May, General—
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
May 22. GUSTAV ANTON, French 3 m. s., 401, Guillard, Newcastle, N.S.W., 21st March. Coals.—ORDRE.
May 22. MERKON, French steamer, 1,910, Poche, Shanghai 20th May, General—
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
May 22nd.
Canton, German bark, for Newchwang.
Norfolk, British steamer, for Swatow.
Louise, German schooner, for Haiphong.
Cheung Hoek Kien, British str., for Amoy.
Tewit, British steamer, for Yokohama.
Brisbane, British steamer, for Singapore and
Australia.

Golden Horn, British steamer, for Saigon.
Chinkiang, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Emmela, British steamer, for Amoy.

Departures.

May 23. LING-JING, Chinese gunboat, for Hollow.
May 23. MALACCA, British steamer, for Yohkoh.
May 23. YANGTZE, British str., for Saigon.
May 23. CAIRNSMUI, British steamer, for Hukow.
May 23. EMBRALDA, British steamer, for Amoy.
May 23. FLY, British gunboat, for Chefoo.
May 23. BISAYA, British steamer, for Singapore and Australia.
May 23. CHINKANG, British steamer, for Shanghai.
May 23. KANGAR, Brit. str., for Shanghai.
May 23. NASSAU, British gunboat, for Amoy.

Passengers.

Arrived, etc., from Saigon—
For Hongkong, etc., from Saigon—
For Yohkoh, str., from Yokohama—
For Saigon—Madame Yen, Mons. Monet, Council, and So Kieh. For Batavia—Madame Wachell and 4 children. For Marcelline—Madame Begue, and Mons. Piquet.
For Melaka, str., from Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. Deneuve, Mr. and Mrs. Denommee, Jones, Kaby, and Matiss, and 10 others.
For Brunei, str., for Singapore, &c.—
2 Cabin, 44 Chinow, and I distressed sea-
men.
For Chinkiang, str., for Shanghai—
50 Chinow.
For Emeraldal, str., for Amoy—
200 Chinow.
For Deraan.

For Ningpo, str., for Swatow—
150 Chinow.
For Tewit, str., for Yokohama—
5 Chinow.
For Louisa, for Haiphong—
12 Chinow.
For Cheung Hoek Kien, str., for Amoy—
50 Chinow.

Reports.

The French steamship *Melusine* reports left Shanghai on 30th May, and had fine weather all the passage.

The British brig *Victory* reports left Bangkok on 24th April, and had light winds and calm sea, east as Capo Padarao; from thence to Hongkong strong N.E. winds.

The French steamship *Tenaris* reports left Yokohama on 18th March, and had fine weather to the Ternate, out from thence fresh N.E. winds to arrive.

The British steamship *Montgomeryshire* reports left Saigon on 17th May, and had fine, clear weather and S.E. winds as far as Varen, and from thence to arrival outwards from 18.30 lat. N, with head winds, sea and rain.

The British steamship *Gadsby* reports left Saigon on 18th May, and had very hot weather until yesterday, when we experienced fresh N.E. winds with heavy rain and thick, dirty weather. Passed the British ship *Griffon* of Greenwich, from Cardiff to Hongkong, wished to be reported all well.

YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.

May. 8. Gadsby, British steamer, from Hongkong.
8. Gadsby, British bark, from Newcastle.
8. Saito Maru, Japan, str., from Shanghai.
9. San Francisco, German str., from Takao.
10. Menzalib, French str., from Hongkong.
10. Oceanic, British str., from S. Francisco.
10. Flying Spur, British bark, from London.
10. Flying Spur, British str., for Amoy.
10. Melaka, British str., for San Francisco.
10. Star, British bark, for Nagasaki.
11. Oceanic, British steamer, for Hongkong.
11. Chingking, Brit. str., for Ningpo.
12. W. Minster, British bark, for Nitara.
12. Saito Maru, Japan, str., from Shanghai.

Vessels Exported from Hongkong.

(Corrected to Date.)
Vessel's Name. From. Date.

Garcia (s.), Canton, Feb.
D. B. Castle, London, Feb.

Lodding Wind, Antwerp, Feb.
Theodore Bain, Cardiff, Feb.

Matthews, ... Cardiff, Feb.
Cecil O., ... Cardiff, Feb.

F. P. Lichfield, ... Cardiff, Feb.
Maper, ... Cardiff, Feb.

Perrin, ... London, Feb.
O. ... London, Feb.

Old Hunter, ... Cardiff, Feb.
D. M. Park, Sun'sland, Feb.

Kedive, ... Antwerp, Mar.

Brown Brothers, ... Mar.

Isle of the South, ... Mar.

Panics, ... Cardiff, Mar.

A. S. Davis, ... Cardiff, Mar.

Nimbus, ... Cardiff, Mar.

Lord Macaulay, ... Cardiff, Mar.

Golden Spur, ... Cardiff, Mar.

Antwerp, ... London, Mar.

Victor, ... Sweden, Mar.

C. W. Cochrane, ... Liverpool, Mar.

Birding (s.), ... Cardiff, Mar.

May Queen, ... Cardiff, Mar.

Portum, ... Antwerp, Mar.

Conqueror, ... Cardiff, Mar.

Lightning, ... London, Mar.

Red Hunter, ... Cardiff, Mar.

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HONGKONG, MAY 23RD, 1877.

In reference to the movement now being made to obtain, if possible, an improvement in the currency, it has been remarked—“The idea is all very good; and if we can make the same time we are willing to make every allowance for the natural impatience which is here displayed. We would hardly have Englandish other than a little impatient during the early days of their Chinese experience. It would argue an

sense of some of those qualities by which many of the best of them are distinguished, and which have tended to make Britons what they are to-day.

The quiet equanimity and undisturbed self-possession of many of the older hands is not always the result of growth in grace, but arises from a clearer understanding of the grave difficulties by which foreign intercourse with China is beset, together with a somewhat painful appreciation of the very limited extent of individual influence in combating with the mass of ignorance, superstition, and prejudice by which foreigners are surrounded.

The adjourned inquest on the body of the European child Robert Kerr was resumed yesterday at the magistracy. The father of the child said his servant saw the boatman driving the child into the water with a boathook—“Oh my, what a shock,” said the boy, “but I am not to blame.” The child was still breathing. The boy said he had brought him to the shore at about 12.30 on Sunday last, when a boatman belonging to the club came to him saying a dead child was in the water. He said the time was between 12.30 and 12.45 p.m. He went and saw the child, which was floating towards the pier. The boy said he had seen the boatman start to look for her child, and in order to prevent her from jumping into the water he did not see what the boatman had done to her. He said the time was about 12.30, and the boatman was a servant in the Recreation Club, who told Mr. Wilson of the child being in the water, gave corroborative evidence. Wong Asing, a servant to the Attorney Sergeant, said he was told the child was in the water by the other two Chinese witnesses. After further evidence the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

It is very much to be deplored that this question should become in any way a party matter. Doubtless, the directors of the local bank have been actuated by the best of motives in the course upon which they have entered. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has exceptional means of comprehending the difficulties which beset

the movement, and no doubt its willingness, even at considerable cost, to provide a way of escape, will be appreciated by the public. Whilst, however, five banks feel themselves obliged, for the protection of the interests confided to them, to make a stand on principle against defacement of the currency, and practically to employ their influence for its disengagement, we fail to see why the burden and loss of meeting the demands of the Canton Cotton Guild and Hongkong opium merchants, that a defaced coin be taken as good as a clean one, should be borne by our local bank. Whether we regard its submission to this demand as affording exceptional banking facilities, or as composition-for-deposits, it is liable to be regretted. In either case the lessons of the past, by which the bank has in many ways so largely profited, may be sufficient. The loss to the bank, as stated, may be only some \$10,000 per annum. This is a mere bagatelle compared with the results of other bagatelles in operations in which the bank is known to have been most successful; at the same time it seems hard that it should be called upon to relinquish any one branch of a business which is considered the specialty of a bank. We do not think that the gulf between Hongkong importers and Canton buyers needs to be closed by any such curtailment and strict division.

The very determination of the Canton Cotton Guild, as represented by the cotton brokers here, to enforce the acceptance of defaced silver coin, seems to imply some apprehension of its success. The greater the difficulty and disaster of this medium of payment, the larger the discount, and consequently the greater the profit of those who deal in the bullion. It will be allowed for the population of China, it will amount to something like 10,000 tons. Who knows how large a portion of this may find its way here? A bullet is welcome, and will enrich us all. As money it will tend to demoralise and injure us. If it is forced into currency, as coin, there every payment is attended with suspicion and distrust, every house must have a shroff, every man, woman, and child who works for wages must be on the qui vive to avoid being cheated, and the poorer and more indolent will be the most oppressed. It is recognised that the only place where it will be safe to deposit money is in the hands of the foreign bankers, and that to these the Chinese will be compelled to turn.

Defendant said he was then called upon to show cause why she should not be committed to prison or fined for contempt of court. Defendant said she knew no better; she had never been in court before. His Lordship said he could not let her go. He had never had such a case before. He would not commit her, but would fine her \$5, and then release her. The defendant was then remanded until the 23rd instant.

The Legislatice Council will meet to-day at 8 p.m. The Fly, a double-screw gun-boat, Commander John Bruce, left this port yesterday morning for Osebo.

We are requested by Mr. Douglas Cooper to state in connection with a charge brought against him by the Court on the 8th December last, and which was remanded for a week, that the charge was subsequently withdrawn, and he was discharged from custody.

The P. & O. steamship Melocca, as she was leaving Hongkong bound for Yokohama, was hailed by H.M.S. Viceroy Enclosed by the firing of five guns for the purpose of putting on board the latest despatches. A steam launch was at once sent with them and overtook her outside the Ly-me-moon Pass.

On Monday afternoon the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamship Company steamer Powan, which has just now machinery, made her first trip, and left the wharf half-past three o'clock. On board were the Chinese and English crew, and the boatmen. The ship was at the time nearly occupied by the Company's steamship.

The machinery was found to work satisfactorily in every respect. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. W. Kewiss, Mead, E. H. Belliss, W. Beirnes, D. Robt. R. N. Deacon, D. Gillies, James Russell, and others, were on board.

A week or two ago (says a writer in the Sporting-Gazette) I mentioned the difficulty of getting into “fashionable circles” to see the effects of the Chinese Ambassador. It was fondly hoped that this interesting lady would make her first appearance in society. There was a tremendous crush of both sexes to view the arrival of this curious creature, and the male portion of this curious crew, but they were informed by their host that no foreign gentleman would be permitted to go upstairs.

The ladies who were privileged to gaze upon the Oriental belle have not ceased ever since to go into raptures over this gorgeous exhibition of Chinese military. A uniform which Mr. Carlyle would call “unwearable,” a galaxy of jewelled plumes, a broad yellow sash with hanging tassels, a helmet which was an open tunie of cloth of gold, with a wide brim, and a sword, and beneath that a magnificent garment, for which European fashion has no name, sweeping the floor and wholly concealing the marvellous feet, which—

“Are like tiny mice in and out,
As if they feared the light.”

It was hard that such a vision of delight should have been withheld from the eyes of male admirers. But so it was, and when her Calaisine dress was unfastened, she was unfastened from her bolted-up harness, and much more like an animated mock. And so the mystery of these wondrous feet is still unsolved.

The N. G. Daily News says that the steamer Tzu-chin has returned to Hankow from Iohan, having made the run down in twenty-nine steaming hours. She reports a very strong current, with which she came down at the rate of twelve knots an hour. She got up, with bulk in tow, without trouble.

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he will lay on the table of this House copies of the evidence in the case of the "Queen v. Kennedy," which was tried before Lord Campbell, the Court of Queen's Bench, last week, and which, it is believed, will be referred to the Committee of Privileges in connection therewith, copies of all which documents are believed to be at the Home Office or the Treasury. I beg also to give notice that I will ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether it is in accordance with the custom of the House, and its traditions as an assembly of gentlemen, that incidents in the lives of private members which have taken place upwards of two years ago should be referred to the Committee of Privileges for the purpose of holding those members up to the ridicule, contempt, or hatred of the House, the majority of the said members being in complete ignorance of the state of the facts.—(A laugh.) I beg to give notice further that to-morrow I will ask Mr. Forster, the member for Bradford, to move that the House, in its discretion, may be allowed to sit at the same time as the Committee of Privileges, so as to facilitate the discussion of the business of the House.

On this subject, why, the following resolution was moved by the hon. member for Stockport, to direct that the same time as the Committee of Privileges, it should be allowed for the purpose of holding those members up to the ridicule, contempt, or hatred of the House, the majority of the said members being in complete ignorance of the state of the facts.—(A laugh.) I beg to give notice further that to-morrow I will ask Mr. Forster, the member for Bradford, to move that the House, in its discretion, may be allowed to sit at the same time as the Committee of Privileges, so as to facilitate the discussion of the business of the House.

The House regret to notice a growing tendency on the part of those who should know better towards "giving the piece of wood a first night place." This is a very dangerous and utterly indefensible way. This glasshouse business may be overdone.

Miss Nation recently had a photograph taken as Imogen in boy's dress, and reclining upon a grassy bank. She would not allow any proofs to be made, deeming it too nice a legacy for the public. She wrote in print this, quoting from "Cymbeline," that it is the duty of the military: "I see that it is hard to be a man."

That clever conjurer, Dr. Lynn, whose performances at the Egyptian Hall a year or two ago excited to much interest, has just returned to England, after a very successful tour in India. He has brought with him some of the native jugglers, and the wonder-working powers of his art have never been exhibited outside of India. These he proposes to introduce to the British public in connection with his own entertainment.

I hear (says a writer in *Mayfair*) that the two-headed-nightingale is thinking of taking a husband. She, or they—I hardly know how to put it—have single life too lonely to be borne. It is like talking to an echo for them to talk to the other, and they count themselves the only ones in the same thing, and the same observation suggests themselves to each. But how about the gentleman? Will he be liable to a charge of bigamy?

An extraordinary drama, being a version of "L'Afau Coverley," first produced at the Ambigu, Paris, in 1875, has lately been given at the Duke's Theatre, London, with great success, which is evidence of the popularity of the piece. It is the original, like the original, of the adventures of Arthur Orton, who is represented as a horoscope-squandered.

Mr. Lynn has placed himself at a distance.

Mr. Kenealy—I beg to thank you, Mr. Speaker, and to give notice that at the earliest opportunity I will bring it forward as a sub-

ject of debate. The Chancellor of the Exchequer—I feel that, I cannot avoid taking notice of an expression used by the hon. member for Stockport in giving notice of his question; and which I think was not in accordance with the rules of this House.

He referred to something which passed yesterday—I was not myself present, but he believes it was well known what occurred—and he spoke of the conduct of the House in respect of it. He did not repeat, although he had been compelled to apologize for it. Now I think that language which is hardly right for a member of the House to use—(hear, hear)—and which, in deference to the honour of the House, it is necessary for the hon. member to withdraw. On consideration, I have no doubt the hon. member will see that the expression—"he does not regret"—

Dr. Kenealy—I beg to thank the hon. member, for whom I entertain the most profound respect.—(Hear, hear.) I am afraid, however, if we go on in this way we will get into a diplomatic condition.

Dr. Kenealy—is the son of an hotel-keeper at Cork. When young he gave great promise and was most kindly received in high society. He was a good boy, but he was fond of cards, and abused everything Irish. His blackguardism was deemed eccentric, and it was condemned for many years, but it was innate and absorbed him at last. He really seems to have availed from deliberate choice; he threw up opulence, position, and high office, for the villainous propensity of indulging in the abuse of every body and thing above him, and clearly loves to be despised.

THE PROSPECTS OF SPAIN. The Spanish Government have recently issued a decree, the Saturday, *Buenos dias*, to be suspended on the whole of the administrative. In judicious conformatity with Royal traditions, he has attended service at churches and cathedrals, he has distributed alms, and he has professed interest in local institutions. Above all, he has shown himself to large numbers of people, and he may probably have earned his reward in the popularity which generally attests on youth and prosperity. The prospect of the future looks bright since the accession of the present King that for many years before. As long as peace and order are maintained, the country will almost certainly become richer and more prosperous. After the civil war of 40 years ago, the wealth of Spain increased during a generation more rapidly than that of France or England. At some instant period the nation did not make a million dollars, but now it is nearly a million annually to agricultural trade and industry. A country like Spain, which has been governed in defiance of economical and political principles, has a large reserve of wealth and power which may be realized at pleasure. It is not yet known whether the King, who has scarcely emerged from boyhood, possesses a capacity which may enable him to serve his country well. Since the early years of Alfonso XII., who himself ultimately became a popular ruler, the King of Spain has acquired or preserved the confidence and gratitude of his subjects. The situation of Alfonso XII. may perhaps have been prematurely interrupted; but it was well that he should become a resident Spaniard while he was still young enough to acquire the feelings and habits of his countrymen. An intelligent which he may possess ought to have been developed in the course of his education. His chief fault, however, was that he had a complete answer to the charge. Accordingly, he sat "as cool as a cucumber" while the prosecuting counsel, Mr. March, opened his case and called his witness. When the case for the prosecution was quite concluded, Mr. Mathews rose, said that the allegation of perjury was not made out, and sent the court to fallow. It is not so much to the credit of the prosecutor that he had the courage to follow him, but to the fact that he had a complete answer to the charge.

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Extracts.

A SONG OF THE SEASONS.

When Spring comes laughing
By vale and hill,
By wind-flower walking
And daffodil—
Sings out of doors,
Sings mirth and mirth,
Sings blue of woodland
And my Love's eyes.
When Summer cometh,
Full-laved and strong
And gay birds goin'
The orchard long—
Sings out of doors,
Sings as he says,
Sings red, red roses
And my Love's lips.
When Autumn cometh,
The leaves again,
And piled shaves bury
The wide-peaked wane—
Sings round of roses
And my Love's wane.
But when comes Winter
With hills and storm,
With red fire roaring
And snow and pine—
Sings out of doors,
Of frosty parts,
The snow glad meadow
And my Love's heart.

AUSTIN DORSON.

INSTINCT AND CRIME.

The inherited tendency must be considered in estimating the motives which bring about what is now defined to be crime. It is, of course, by no means the only cause of human action, and there are instances in which it is obviously less powerful than the sum of other causes. The girl who murders her child, and the man who commits suicide, for example, act in direct opposition to two of the strongest instincts of self-preservation. But, none the less, those two instincts are strong incentives, and prompt no small portion of the varied actions of human life.—*History of Crime*.

COCKCHAFFERS.

The destruction caused by cockchauffers in some parts of the Continent is so great in some seasons as to almost ruin nurseries and market gardens of small means. Cases are reported of a nurseryman losing more in one season than the total revenue of his company, and of another saving scarcely a hundredth part of his trees. All the crops in market gardens, which fields of lucerne, and meadows of grass are sometimes completely devastated. Strawberry plants and lettuce are favourit to prey, and rots after rots disappears till none are left. It is in the larva state that they effect this kind of destruction; but the perfect insect feeds upon the leaves of trees and herbs, and does much damage. The larvae feed upon the roots, and their presence is usually indicated by the withering of the plants, of which they have devoured the roots. All sorts of remedies have been suggested and tried, but the larva is so burrow is tolerably safe until it reveals its whereabouts by the destruction of one plant at least. A Belgian contemporary recommends that a law should be enacted compelling owners to wage war with the perfect insect, just as they are now obliged to beat their hedges and trees for caterpillars before February 19. It would not be altogether without direct recompence, because it has been proved that, mixed with barley, or some other meal, they form a good fattening food for pigs. In 1872 cockchauffers were abundant in Wurtemburg, but they were collected by bushels and cartloads, and their value as food was tried on a large scale. Fortunately, we are seldom seriously overrun by this insect, or, indeed, by any other; and we doubtless owe our immunity to a great measure to the preservation of rocks, and the abundance of small insatiable birds. On the other hand, there is reason to fear that the latter are becoming scarcer from year to year, in spite of the now necessary license to use a gun, and the Birds' Protection Act. Thousands of small birds are netted to afford the abominable amusement of shooting them from a trap. We have frequently called attention to the dismal reports on the damage caused by insects in various parts of France, where a rage has long existed for shooting every bird that comes within range. Now efforts are being made to preserve the birds' rest on something like an equilibrium between these different classes of the animal kingdom, which must certainly result in a great advantage to the vegetable kingdom. Without over-preserving birds, we should be careful not to give insects the chance of multiplying to an alarming extent.—*Gardener's Chronicle*.

THE EARLY DAYS OF MR. SIMS REEVES.

John Sims Reeves was born at Shooter's Hill, in Kent, on October 21st, 1822. Showing a great aptitude for music in his earliest years, his father, himself a musician of no inexperience, founded and encouraged him in every way, so that the natural genius he possessed might not die for lack of nurture. This provident care, acting upon a mind willing and able to receive it, had as far as an effect, that at a very tender age the future teacher had already learned the mechanical intricacies of several musical instruments, string as well as wind, besides making himself acquainted with the less interesting but no less valuable study of theory. The beauty of his voice as a child won for him many wealthy and powerful friends, who supplemented the aid his father could afford by furnishing masters to instruct him in various educational matters, musical as well as ordinary. These friends, in turn, were accustomed to invite their acquaintances to listen to the performance of their prodigy, which even in those early days was held to be something extraordinary. When his voice broke, or changed from a childish trill to a more manly quality, he reduced his study of the organ, and before he was fourteen years of age he had acquired sufficient skill to qualify him for the post of organist of North Ghyll Church. The importance of this position for one so young was fully felt by him so much as by his father, and he all spare time was carefully spent in carousels and assiduous study, in order that he might maintain the position in which he was placed with dignity to himself and honour to those who had recognised his budding talent. But a change was to come—“over the spirit of his dream.” In enforcing the precepts to the choir under his charge a certain amount of practical example became necessary, and in giving these examples young Reeves discovered he had a voice. His father, and other experienced friends, found also that that voice was of a fine character and quality. “Probably because he learned to trust his own judgment, or because he thought that needful instruction for the training and the development of the voice would be better regarded when imparted by a stranger—one whose position was calculated to command respect—the father of young Reeves placed him under a teacher of singing, who was far mistaken in his judgment of the character and quality of his young pupil’s voice, that he treated it as a baritone, and gave him exercises calculated to be of advantage to a voice of that compass and register. The strong love for things dramatic induced him to resign his post as organist, and in due course to make his first essay as a vocalist. When he was scarcely eighteen years of age, he made his first bow before an audience. The Theatre Royal at Newcastle was the scene of his debut, and here he played such parts as the Count Rodopino, in Bellini’s opera “I Sonnambulæ,” and Don Juan, in Rossini’s “Cenerentola”—parts for a bass or baritone voice—with marked success.—*Cassell’s National Portrait Gallery*.

THE FIRST MAN.

Some repairs were needed to the engine when the train reached Reno, and while most of the passengers were taking a philosophical view of the delay, and making themselves as comfortable as possible in the depot, in walked a native. He wasn’t native Indian, nor a native grizzly, but a native Nevedian, and he was riding out in imperial style. He wore a bearskin coat and cap, buckskin leggings and moccasins, and in his belt was a big knife and two revolvers. There was lightning in his eye, destruction in his walk, and as he sauntered up to the red-hot stove and scattered tobacco juice over it, a dozen passengers looked pale with fear. Among the travellers was a car-painter from Jersey City, and after surveying the native for a moment, he coolly inquired:

“ Aren’t you afraid you’ll fall down and burst yourself with these weapons?”

“ W—what!” gasped the native in astonishment.

“ I suppose they sell such outfit as you’ve got at auction out here, don’t they?” continued the painter.

“ W—what? d’ye mean—who are ye?” whispered the native, as he walked around the stove and put on a terrible look.

“ My name is Logwood,” was the calm reply, “ and I mean that, if I were you’d crawl out of those old duds and put on some decent clothes.”

“ Don’t talk that way to me, or you won’t live a minute!” exclaimed the native, as he hopped around. “ Why, you homosick coyote, I’m Grizzly Dan, the heaviest Indian fighter in the world! I was the first white man to scout for General Crook! I was the first white man in the Black Hills! I was the first white man among the Modocs!”

“ I don’t believe it!” flatly replied the painter. “ You look more like the first white man down to the dinette table!”

The native drew his knife, put it back again, looked around, and then softly asked:

“ Stranger, will ye come up behind the ridge and shoot and slash until this thing is settled?”

“ You too will!” replied the man from Jersey as he rose up. “ Just pass right out and I’ll follow!”

Every man in the room jumped to his feet in wild excitement. The native started for the back door, but when he found the car-painter at his heels with a six-barrel Colt in his hands, he halted and said:

“ Friend, come to think of it, I don’t want to kill you and have your widow come on me for damages.”

“ Go right ahead—I’m not a married man!” replied the painter.

“ But you’re got relatives, and I don’t want no lawsuits to bother me just as Spring is coming!”

“ I’m an orphan, without a relative in the world!” shouted the Jerseyite.

“ Well, the law will make ‘bury you, and it would be a week’s work to dig a grave at this season of the year. I think I’ll break a rib or two for you, smash your nose, gouge out your left eye, and let it go at that!”

“ That suits me to a dot!” said the painter. “ Gentlemen, please stand back, and some of you that the door of the ladies’ room.”

“ I was the first man to attack a grizzly bear with the bowie knife,” remarked the native, as he looked around. “ I was the first man to discover silver in Nevada. I made the first shoot out Powder River. I was the first man to make hunting-shots out of the skin of Pawnee Indians. I don’t want to hurt this man, as he seems kinder sad and down-hearted, but he must apologize to me.”

“ I won’t do it!” cried the painter.

“ Gentlemen, I never fight without taking off my coat, and I don’t nob any nail here to hang it on,” said the native.

“ I’ll hold it!” shouted a dozen voices in chorus.

“ And another thing,” softly continued the native, “ I never fight in a hot room. I used to do it years ago, but I found it was ruining me into the consumption. I always do my fighting out of doors now.”

“ I’ll go out with you now, you old rabbit-killer!” exclaimed the painter, who had his coat off.

“ That’s another deadly insult, to be wiped out in blood, and I see I must finish you. I never fight around a depot, though. I go out on a prairie, where there is a chance to throw myself!”

“ Where’s your prairie?—lead the way!” howled the crowd.

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